

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, 33, 35, 36, 37, and 40 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 12, 18, 33, 35, 36, 37, and 40 are amended to correct formal matters without changing the scope of the claims. For example, claim 1 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “gaming unit”, “player’s available credit”, “minimum wager amount”, “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”, and ‘range’. Claim 3 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”. Claim 9 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “maximum wager”. Claim 10 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “gaming unit”, “player’s available credit”, and to “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”. Claim 12 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”. Claim 17 is amended to change “gaming device” to “gaming unit” to correct a typographical error. Claim 18 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “minimum wager amount” and to “maximum wager”. Claim 33 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “medium of currency”, ‘player’, “player’s available credit”, and to “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”. Claim 35 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “predetermined progressive jackpot winning outcome”. Claims 36 and 37 are amended to change the word ‘form’ to ‘from’ to correct a typographical error. Claim 41 is amended to provide antecedent basis to “maximum wager”.

Figures 16A, 17A, and 18A and the specification are amended to correct typographical errors. For example, Figure 16A is amended to change the reference numeral ‘716’ to ‘752’, Figure 17A is amended to change the reference numeral ‘716’ to ‘762’, and Figure 18A is amended to change the reference numeral ‘716’ to ‘772’.

Moreover, paragraph 146 of the specification is amended to add ‘of’ between ‘necessity’ and ‘assigning’ and paragraph 156 of the specification is amended to change “paygroup 1” to “paygroup 2”.

No new matter is added. For example, the change to the reference numeral ‘752’ in Figure 16A is described in paragraph 101 as “[t]he routine 750 may continue as previously discussed for routine 700 until control passes to a block 752 wherein the network computer 22 may randomly draw all seventy-five numbers to determine the order for the entire ball draw”. The change to the reference numeral ‘762’ in Figure 17A is described in paragraph 104 as “[t]he routine 760 may continue as previously discussed for routine 700 until control passes to a block 762 wherein the network computer 22 may randomly draw one number from the range of 1 to

75". The change to the reference numeral '772' in Figure 18A is described in paragraph 106 as "[t]he routine 770 may continue as previously discussed for routine 700 until control passes to a block 772 wherein the network computer 22 may randomly draw a batch of numbers from the range of 1 to 75".

Further, Figure 33, reproduced below, shows an example of the amended description of "a secondary pattern set 1020 containing secondary patterns 1022-1038 corresponding to the 12 credit through 20 credit award amounts of pay group 2" in paragraph 156.

PAY GROUPS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91
2	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	92
3	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	93
4	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	94
5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95
6	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	96
7	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	97
8	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	98
9	19	29	39	49	59	69	79	89	99
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

FIG. 33

As shown above in Figure 33, column 2 corresponds to paygroup 2.

The abstract is amended to reduce the word count to less than 150 words. These changes to the specification, drawings, and abstract are formal matters.

These amendments are presented after allowance because they were not discovered before the allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 663-1100.

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